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## REMARKS

The Applicant appreciates the thorough review of the application by the Examiner. Reconsideration and allowance are requested.

No new matter has been added by the amendments. No new issues are raised by the amendments.

Claim 4 has been amended to remove the dependency on cancelled claim 1. Claim 4 now depends on allowable claim 3.

A Notice of Appeal has been filed. Responses to the rejections indicated by the Examiner in the office action will be addressed in detail in the Applicant's appeal brief.

Kindly enter the amendments and allow all of the claims.

## CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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